Entertainment Extra by Evelyn

Q. I really enjoy the actress, Robin Riker, who portrays Sharon Potter in Fox TV's "Get A Life." Could you please tell me everything there is to know about this wonderfully talented up-and-coming actress? Roger Y.

A. With "Get A Life" airing at 9:30 p.m. (ET) on Fox's covered Sunday night line up, and the hit series "Brothers," for which she received two Ace Award nominations, now in syndication, Robin is in the enviable situation of having two television series running at once.

Robin was born to New York City to theatrical parents. Her father, William 'Rick' Riker is an actor, and her mother, Mary Ann, is writer/director/actress. She has two brothers, and is the middle child. When she was two, the family moved to Harrisburg, Pa., to work with the Harrisburg Theatre. It was there that Robin made her TV debut on her father's television program, "Captain Rick's Showboat." The family purchased a farm just outside Harrisburg. Robin fondly remembers her three years in this wooded 28 paradise. Soon, however, the magic was calling Robin's parents again. They decided they wanted to own and operate their own theatre, so they moved west and set up "Going to school there was great. One day a week, you took your skis or skates to school, and after classes, you were taken by bus to the slopes where you could play for the rest of the day."

The divorce of Robin's parents ended the Rikers' stay in Aspen. Robin and her mother moved to Boulder, where Robin began to work toward her Master's degree. Robin performed with the Colorado Shakespeare Festival for several seasons, receiving extensive classical training and beginning a lifelong love for language and the classics. She also learned the realities of the theatre. "I'd been on the stage from the time I was two years old, so I learned about show business and rejection at a very early age."

Today, Robin loves to read, travel, entertain and continues a family tradition of sharp-shooting females, which goes back four generations. She recently won first place in the Charlton Heston Tray & Pistol Shooting Competition. She's a good athlete, plays softball, a little tennis just for fun, and loves and runs, "when I have someplace to go."

Robin is married to motion picture and television writer, William Hainey, whose credits include, "The Young Riders" and "Murder, She Wrote."

Q. Is Jim Byrne, who plays Lifeguard on "Wiseguy," an American or a Canadian, and how did he lose his legs in real life? Derek T.

A. Byrne is a native of St. Louis, Missouri. He attended Boston University where he studied drama and music. He moved to Toronto in Canada in 1969 and worked in various cafes as a singer and guitarist. An automobile accident in 1972 caused him to lose his legs. Although he's seen on the show using a wheel chair, Byrne gets around off screen on prosthetic limbs which he says give him freedom to move around.

Q. I remember when Phylicia Rashad was proposed to on the air by the man she later married. I know he's still in television. Is he part of the "Cosby Show?" Thanks. Louise H.

A. Ahmad Rashad is very much still in television. Besides his sports-casting duties, he and Julie Moran are co-hosts of a new sports series, "NBA: Inside Stuff," which airs Saturdays on NBC at 12:30 p.m. (ET). The former NFL (National Football League) star went into sportscasting several years ago, and although he's been associated mostly with doing on-air shows involving football, he did play basketball during his high school years and knows his hoop-lore thoroughly. He's studying acting now and hopes to move into his wife's field soon. He has already done a TV movie and an episode of "Tales from the Darkside" with Phylicia.

Ahmad and Phylicia have a daughter, Condola Phylicia. It was while he was broadcasting a football game that he decided to propose to Phylicia on the air. Apparently, he said once he thought that would make it difficult for her to delay giving him an answer. Not only would he prove for a reply, so would several million sports fans who heard the proposal. Phylicia reportedly told friends she thought he might propose "someday," but never guessed it would take place in such a public forum.

Julie Moran played basketball and tennis throughout high school. She turned down three athletic scholarships for college to focus on majoring in broadcast journalism at the University of Georgia from which she was graduated Magna Cum Laude.

On that question currently raging through the sports world, both Rashad and Julie think women reporters should be welcome in the locker rooms after games, and both agree there should be an area where the athletes can come to be interviewed wearing something besides towels and jock straps.

Q. I always see references to "The Odd Couple" in any story about Tony Randall and Jack Klugman. Aren't they fed up with all this rehashing of a show they did so many years ago? Marilyn W.

A. On the contrary, the two men are very proud of having done the series and were planning to do a "Felix and Oscar" update showing how the two divorced men fared since the last time they saw each other. Klugman's throat cancer — and his difficulty in talking these days — caused them to put off the show. It is possible that they may do it later on.

Autotalk
by Zane Binder

MITSUBISHI MONTERO 4—DOOR 4X4

Mitsubishi Motor Corp.'s sales have skyrocketed since its early 1970s' U.S. market debut. At first, they sold exclusively as "imported" Dodges and Plymouths, then Mitsubishi built an independent network to supplement, not replace, their sales through Chrysler. For the initial three-quarters of 1990, surprising they aren't stronger yet.

Outside, the four-door Montero is boxy in the traditional British off-road few vehicles in this category are plush, you won't complain either. The reclining cloth front buckets with driver's side truckers' type height and firmness adjustments were wide and comfortable. The rear bench had adequate leg room.

There's a huge cargo area, the largest in the class, the spare tire (with 845 rubberized cover) was mounted outside on the rear door, thereby yielding more interior room. There's a problem, though. It's perfectly positioned for your local rip-off artist to "score" on, Get a lock!

Other points include a seating position high above the road; the view is superior. The instrument cluster contains a fairly complete set of gauges (and a useless inclinometer). There's a small center console, but no cupholder.

The test Montero was equipped with the standard 143-HP, fuel-injected 3.0 liter V6 of conventional design and velvet smoothness. The engine provided just-adequate power, taking 14 seconds to reach 60 from rest. That's typical for the class; I wonder about the acceleration times the maker magazines publish. It couldn't be they're given specially prepped cars — could it?

Fuel economy, observed at 15 city and 18 highway, is typical. Tow capacity is 4,000 pounds.

The transmission was a four-speed overdrive automatic with automatic locking hubs and "HI" and "Low" four-wheel drive ranges. Gearing is just right, soul-stirring is not and all ranges was easy.

Off-road performance was excellent. There was plenty of ground clearance, wheel travel, and shock damping; climbing ability was excellent. Skid plates were properly located, and the off-road tires gripped well in mud. The standard power steering and power front disc brakes had just the right touch, too. The fuel tank holds almost 24 gallons.

Unlike some 4X4 trucks, the Montero's ride is pleasant. Bumps, large and small, are taken with little problem. You'll never complain!

Even the Montero's handling is good — for a truck. Remember, it can't be judged like a car, but if driven within limits, you'll never have a problem. The turning circle, at 36 feet, is excellent.

The Montero's radio was a $221 upgrade Mitsubishi AM-FM stereo cassette with graphic equalizer and four speakers. It was excellent in every way. It wasn't helped, though, by cabin noise at highway speeds. This is caused by lack of sound deadening not mechanical clatter or a rough engine.

Quality control is excellent; few rough edges were apparent.

At $21,757 as tested and $19,498 base, the Montero's reasonably priced against the competition. For real rough-country use, you couldn't go wrong purchasing the cheaper RS model for a few thousand less. The Montero's a pleasant, British-style, rough-country 4X4 that definitely merits considera-tion!

Antiques and Collecting
by Ralph & Terry Kovel

SALT OF THE EARTH

Salt and the serving of it has been important since medieval times, when it represented piety, purity and friendship. Fantasy-shaped salt cellars have been popular since the 15th century. Boats and shells representing the sea were understandable forms of salt holders, and cupids, mermaids, dolphins, heads, animals, birds or horse-drawn coaches were made by the 19th century. Silversmiths made salt holders that were decorative and impressive. Modern figural glass and porcelain salts can be found, but very few fantasy silver salt dishes are being made today.

Q. My yellow painted iron bank is shaped like an owl. If I drop a penny in the slot, the owl turns its head. The bank is eight inches high. How old is it?

A. Any bank made so a part moves when money is inserted is known as a "mechanical" bank. Those like this registers that record the amount of money with each deposit are called "registering" banks. The simple slotted container is known as "still" bank. Many iron mechanical banks were made between 1870 and 1900. Copies have been made ever since. Some are even being produced in aluminum or plastic. Your owl was patented and made in 1880 by J. and E. Stevens Company of Cromwell, Conn.

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Q. Who was Happifat? I have a fold-and-a-postcard picturing a girl called Happifat.

A. The Happifats were patented in 1914 by Kate Jordan. The bisque dolls were probably made in one of the fat tummies and big smiles. The boy and girl have the same strange body style with one long, large curl on the forehead. The girl usually wore a tent-like dress with a large ribbon bow tied at the bottom. The boy wore large balloon-shaped trousers and a short jacket over a shirt.

The dolls were made by German and Japanese firms. The postcards came in a set of six by the Edward Gross Company. The Happifats pictured had the same strange shape and hairdo but wore different clothes suitable for bedtime or playtime. Happifats were also found on children's dishes.

YOUR HOROSCOPE
by Charles King Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) There are some small difficulties in communications with others now, but it's nothing to get unduly upset about. Be flexible if plans are changed. Financial judgment may not be at its best now. Little expenditures could mount up. Don't gamble on important item.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Mood swings are likely now. You're not the easiest person to fathom now, nor are you your most effective self in dealings. A tendency to withdraw can make you oblivious to other persons' needs. Be more attentive and exercise considera-tion.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You won't have the greatest time in your life, but you won't have a bad time. Still, minor difficulties could arise with friends when socializing. Put aside business concerns for now. It's your preoccupation with these matters that makes you not quite there in relationships.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The world is not run according to your properties, as you find out now. You'll run into situations that go slightly against your grain. Exercise some caution now in financial dealings, as you could run into some shrewd types now. What to do with your money is a question for another time.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Try to avoid minor tiffs with close ties now or you'll find yourself with someone by your side who's a bit incommunicado and not much fun to be with. After the 19th interruption, you may well throw your hands up in the air and abandon a work project for now.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You'll be at a distinct disadvantage if you mixed business and pleasure now. You may not be sure of where you stand with a member of the opposite sex. Try to avoid a dispute with a family member over a possible purchase.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Though, you know where you stand, the problem is that others may change their mind more than once. Continue with research about a career project. It could be a week of financial ups and downs. Others may not go along with your plans regarding expenditures, though career interests are generally favored.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some compromise is necessary in order to get along with close ties now. Do further research into a business venture. There's no need to feel rushed. A work problem can be solved if you'll face it. Instead of complaining, take action to put things right.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) With the help of your mate you'll find a solution to a problem with a child. Some social plans may be changed now. Welcome news comes from afar. Though you're on the right track with your career, it may be difficult to convince a family member of your position.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Creative activity is favored, but it's not the best time to solicit the comments of others. Partners will enjoy some time away together. Don't begrudge the money you may have to spend on a household repair. Some problems you just can't let go on and on.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Now's the time to talk about problems before the wedge between you grows any deeper. Be willing to meet others halfway for peace of mind today. Some progress will be made on a work project, but you may have to turn your attention to something else before you're quite done.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Relations with friends are not altogether smooth now. Either you're keep waiting, or someone arrives at the last minute. Still, some good times are indicated. Though a career problem is successfully dealt with, it may take more time before a home picture is exactly as you wish it to be.

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Soap Updates by Seli Groves

ALL MY CHILDREN: Skye learned Will was behind the "haunting" of Opal and warned him to stop it. Will arranged a "séance" at which "Clem" appeared and gave Opal his blessings for her marriage to Palmer. Erica overheard Barbara tell Travis she suspected she might be pregnant. Jeremy, determined to break up David and Ceara, offered to paint her portrait and, while doing so, was her away. David has not. Mary is tasked Will and Adam were plotting ways to keep her from telling anyone that Adam was stealing from Natalie. **Wait To See:** Jeremy's plan could work, but only too well.

ANOTHER WORLD: Jake went into cardiac arrest. Stacy suspected Donna had shot Jake. Paulina told Ken that Eric was in collusion with Jake, but her statement didn't change Ken's suspicions of Paulina. Vicky was furious to hear Grant say Marley's arrest will boost Ryan's career. Later, Ryan told Marley about the conclusive forensic evidence found on her clothes and Marley agreed to tell him the truth. Grant intercepted a message from Shardene to John. After being released from jail, Dean planned to go to Chicago to further his music career. Donna begged Stacey not to tell the police about Jake's video-tape. **Wait To See:** Ryan finds a clue that could involve someone no one could suspect.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: Depressed about Julie, Caleb began drinking and turned to Lisa for comfort. After Angel's call, Lily found herself alone at the office with the lights mysteriously turned off, and the sound of an intruder nearby. Darryl learned Carolyn will be paralyzed for life. As Lucinda planned to burn the lavender box, John and Duke found out the DNA tests proved John is Duke's father. Phillip told them Lucinda had had this proof three months earlier. **Wait To See:** Barbara worries about Darryl's real intentions.

BOLD & THE BEAUTIFUL: Jennifer attempted to get Ridge back into Brooke's life, Stephanie was shattered when he revealed Brooke wanted Eric and their baby to be a family. Stephanie broke down in tears when she realized her "still" bank. Many iron mechanical banks were made between 1870 and 1900. Copies have been made ever since. Some are even being produced in aluminum or plastic. Your owl was patented and made in 1880 by J. and E. Stevens Company of Cromwell, Conn.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: April's pregnancy test showed positive, so she went to Dr. Parker to get the information linking Lawrence and Jenny to Parker's murder. Bo and Carly found the note in Patch's jacket pocket also linking Lawrence to the nefarious goings on. Justin and Adrienne were overjoyed to learn she's pregnant. Carly told Lawrence she brought him what he wanted. Bo Brady. **Wait To See:** Working together, Julie, Shane, and Kayla, come up with some startling discoveries about Lawrence.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Steve and Tom presented charges to the American Medical Association, which could strip Hartson of his rights to practice medicine. Cheryl frightened Bobbie by telling what she would do if Lucas' birth mother showed up. Robert told Hubbs of Dr. Perry's connection to Clayton, but warned her not to go after him. Luke was perplexed by Robert's angry reaction to Cheryl. Scott brought Bertin-based Evan Somme. It, a music video director known as Edge, back to work. Tony and Jake, who Charles White Bear and Tracy tried to persuade him to attend the diamonds as Victor's. Lucy was sure she'd own the jewels by November 30. Felicia gave birth to a daughter whom she and Frisco named Maria Maximillana, or "Max," for short. Harrison was fired, and Meg announced plans to divorce him. **Wait To See:** Edge's interest in Anna goes beyond her dancing talents.

GENERATIONS: Adam and Maya reconciled. Anna and Kyle was getting closer to the truth. Jordan warned Rogaldo to destroy the fake treasures. Ruth worried Chantal was jeopardizing her career by helping Eric Kyle told a non-believing Sam about Jordan and Mr. Chu, switched the treasures, and it was Jordan who unwittingly smuggle in a stolen Monet, and it was she who helped Jordan make the switch because she innocently tipped him off. Peter and Ruth he planned to leave because Sam would be better off without him. Later, while delivering flowers to Pete's room, Sam was stunned to see a 35-year-old photo of herself and her father. **Wait To See:** Peter's plans are upset by a "visit" from the past.

GUIDING LIGHT: Harley defended Maria against Josh's anger when the little girl went into Reva's closet. Stricken by Holly's voiceless ability, Roger declined her advances and explained why he had opted for her 26 years earlier. Harley was aghast when Nadine suggested Josh and Vanessa would be perfect together. Vanessa overheard Billy yelling at Little Billy and Little Billy crying that he wanted to be like his father. Alan Michael learned Gary swiped Phillip's original letter naming Beth as his heir. Alex and Ross burst into the room to find Holly and Roger together. Holly told Alex that Roger didn't take the bait, and Ross told Roger he'd been set up. **Wait To See:** Harley's feelings for Josh are becoming dangerously strong.

LOVING: Cabot awoke from a coma after Dane told him one of his companies produced the faulty airplane parts. Louie was upset to see two sets of ledgers on Paul's desk. Stevie refused to answer any of his questions. Eva was shocked when Louie told her about Paul's efforts to find the Bill and others. Stacey and Jack's attempt to elope and take Heather with them was jolted by news of Cabot's illness. Ralph (the man with the strange eyeglasses) continued to watch Shana's every move. **Wait To See:** Shana is threatened while she tries to learn more about the air crash.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: Carlo sent Johnny out of town. Gabrielle got Tina's medical file and discovered the tests showed Johnny fathered her baby. Charlotte developed hysterical blindness after she and Jake were in a car accident. Megan was sure she was faking. The wedding ceremony began with Gabrielle preparing to tell everyone about Tina's baby. **Wait To See:** Megan sees a chance for Jake to be free, but the risk could prove deadly.

SANTA BARBARA: Eden insisted on moving into Kelly's home to help her regain the use of her legs. Hunt found Flame in his bedroom trying to gaslight Kelly. Cruz found Robert being cared for by Clare, with Robert explaining about his evil twin brother when Ray showed up, handcuffed them, and took them to a secret place. Trying to make his marriage, Shalom told Julia he stopped drinking for good and after fired Cassie. Laurel lied to Mitch about C.C. agreeing to restore the Lockridge estate to the family. Meanwhile, C.C. began his plan to take full control of the spring. Boots warned Gina and Benedict to take him to Keith, or else. **Wait To See:** Eden finds Flame a dangerous adversary.

YOUNG & THE RESTLESS: Olivia was overcome with joy in seeing Drucilla again. Dru, however, was less than pleased at the reunion. Jill told Kay she has no chance with Rex now that he's found Leanna. Jack was thrilled when Nikki said she hoped they could expand their family. Izzy gave David the good and the bad news: good — he tracked Vivian to Genoa City; bad — David had to come up with $50,000 for Tony's bail or he'll share a jail cell with him on cocaine charges. Nina told Vivian about Dru's boast. Cricket recalled the flowers delivered to Danny's dressing room the night of the concert. The security guard recalled another guard (whom he didn't know) had brought them in. **Wait To See:** Jill makes a potentially upsetting decision for Rex.

Coupon Corner
by Rose Lynn

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